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- 1. SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION SPENT THREE DAYS IN NDJAMENA (OCTOBER 2-5) TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION AT UN WITH CANDIAN AUTHORITIES. DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY LEE BYUNG HEUI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT, FROM SEOUL; AND INCLUDED SHIN KEE HEUM, DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, LEE TEAK KEUN. MINISTER LEE SAW CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL FELIX MALLOUM FOR ONE HOUR AND A HALF ON OCTOBER 4.
- 2. AMBASSADOR LEE LATER DEBRIEFED TO ME THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING WITH MALLOUM. MALLOUM SAID THAT GOC POSITION WAS BASED ON THREE POINTS: (A) "NEUTRALITY" TOWARD DISPUTES SUCH AS KOREAN ISSUE; (B) AS MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED STATES, CHAD WOULD FOLLOW THE RESOLUTIONS AGREED UPON AT LIMA; AND (C) CHAD FAVORS PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE TWO KOREAS. LEE SAID THAT HIS MINISTER OF STATE MADE LENGTHY PRESENTATION OF SOUTH KOREAN POINT OF VIEW, INCLUDING RECENT ACTIVITIES OF NORTH KOREANS. MINISTER THEN STATD THAT ROK WISHED TO OPEN RESIDENT MISSION IN NDJAMENA, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH OBVIOUSLY PLEASED MALLOUM. WHEN MINISTER ASKED WHEN THE

LONG DELAYED AGREMENT (REQUESTED IN APRIL) WOULD BE ACCORDED TO KOREAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN YAOUNDE FOR ACCREDITATION ALSO TO CHAD, MALLOUM RESPONDED THAT HE HAD ALREADY AGREED TO THIS AND WOULD FOLLOW UP TO MAKE SURE THAT WORD GOT TO THE KOREANS (DELAY IN GRANTING AGREMENT MAY BE DUE TO FREQUENT ABSENCES OF FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE, WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM CHAD SINCE AUGUST 21 ATTENDING LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND UN GECAL ASSEMBLY). KOREANS THEN DESCRIBED THE "REVISED" FRIENDLY RESOLUTION (REF B), AND MALLOUM COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS "NO REASON TO REJECO THIS RESOLUTION".

3. AMBASSADOR LEE SAID THAT ROK DELEGATION THOUGHT THAT MEETING WITH MALLOUM REPRESENTED SOME FORWARD PROGRESS AND ASKED ME TO FOLLOW UP ON THEIR MEETING BY RAISING KOREAN QUESTION WITH THE CHADIANS. I SAID I WOULD DO SO AND HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE (DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ASEAIRS) ON OCTOBER 9 TO MAKE DEMARCHE. I WILL MEET WITH CAR AMBASSADOR (ONLY COUNTRY OF THOSE LISTED PARA 4 REF C WHICH HAS MISSION RESIDENT HERE) ON OCTOBER 8 TO DISCUSS QUESTION AND TO LEARN HIS PLANS TO RAISE KOREAN MATTER WITH GOC.LITTLE

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